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the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Foundation, 1999).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of people with mental health problems. The Department of Health (1999) has set out a vision for the future of mental health care, which includes a commitment to 'improving the lives of people with mental health problems'. This vision is based on the principles of recovery, which focuses on the individual's strengths and abilities, rather than on their diagnosis. Recovery is a process, rather than a destination, and it involves working with the individual to develop a plan for their future.

One of the key challenges in mental health care is how to support people with mental health problems to live their lives to the full. This involves working with the individual to develop a plan for their future, which takes into account their strengths and abilities, as well as their needs. This plan should be based on the principles of recovery, which focuses on the individual's strengths and abilities, rather than on their diagnosis.

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